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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--TAIWAN MEDIA COMMENTATORS, VIEWING REPORTED RESULTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LATEST CHINA TRIP, SEEMED GENERALLY AGREED THINGS HAVEN'T TURNED OUT AS BADLY AS INITIALLY EXPECTED, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. IN SHORT, COMMENTATORS WERE TELLING TAIWAN PUBLIC SECRETARY KISSINGER GOT CHILLY RECEPTION IN PEKING, NO WRENCHING "BREAKTHROUGH" EXPECTED COME OUT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S UPCOMING CHINA VISIT, U.S. CAN BE DEPENDED ON TO STAND BY BASIC TAIWAN COMMITMENTS, EVEN PRC WANTS CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA TO WARD OFF RUSSIANS AND PEKING ISN'T PUSHING U.S. FOR TAIWAN SOLUTION. (SEE TAIPEI MEDIA REACTION REPORT 7010).

--IN OTHER UP-BEAT DEVELOPMENTS: EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM

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OPENED HIS FIRST TAIWAN CRUSADE SINCE 1955 BEFORE A

CAPACITY AUDIENCE OF 65,000 RAIN-SOAKED SPECTATORS IN
TAIPEI'S NEWLY REFURBISHED SPORTS STADIUM, 31ST ANNIVERSARY
OF TAIWAN'S RETROCESSION FROM JAPANESE CONTROL CELEBRATED
WITH OFFICIAL HOLIDAY AND THERE WERE OPTIMISTIC PREDICTIONS
OF UPTURN IN MAJOR SECTORS TAIWAN'S ECONOMY.

--OCTOBER 27 ISSUE NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL WITH WHIMSICAL
COVER MAO TSE-TUNG COMPLETELY BANNED WHILE TIME INTERNATIONAL
PASSED CENSORS WITH ONLY PIC CHAIRMAN MAO'S HEAD BLACKED
OUT AND KISSINGER EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW INTACT.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

USIS TAIPEI'S LIBRARY COMES ACROSS MORE ATTRACTIVE ON FILM
PERHAPS THAN IN REALITY. POST OKAYED A FILM COMPANY USE OF
THE LIBRARY FOR A SCENE IN "LAKE OF DREAMS," FULL-LENGTH
FEATURE NOW PLAYING SIX LOCAL THEATERS WITH ONE USIS
LIBRARIAN PLAYING SEVERAL MINUTE WALK-ON PART. ALTHOUGH
NOT IDENTIFIED AS USIS, LIBRARY CLEARLY RECOGNIZABLE BY OUR
PATRONS AND ONE STAFF LIBRARIAN WHO SAW FILM SAID PREMISES
"LOOK FANTASTICALLY ATTRACTIVE."

WORKING WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR, USIS TAIPEI OCTOBER
24 SET UP SHOWING OF VTR "KOREA AND U.N.--A U.S. VIEW"
BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB FOR 20 HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY HEADQUARTERS. AFTER SHOWING,
ONE OF FEW POST HAS MADE OFF-PREMISES, MOA INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR LIU HO-TO ASKED FOR AUDIOTAPE OF
VTR FOR OTHER MINISTRY OFFICIALS' USE.
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